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Wimberley, Certified Shorthand Reporter No. 7778.

1 know where that technology was evolving relative to 08:58:16
2 our service. 08:58:17
3 Q. And how often did this come up with the 08:58:21
4 board? 08:58:22
5 A. I would say only -- around Carnegie Mellon 08:58:39
6 and Otto were the only two times where it was 08:58:43
7 discussed in depth. I don't think it was a frequent 08:58:50
8 topic of every board meeting. 08:58:52
9 Q. Are you still with -- on the board at Uber? 08:59:05
10 A. I am not. 08:59:06
11 Q. When did you cease being on the board? 08:59:08
12 A. I believe it was mid to late June of this 08:59:17
13 year. 08:59:17
14 Q. And I may have asked this and, if I did, I 08:59:22
15 apologize. 08:59:22
16 But when did you first become a board member? 08:59:25
17 A. In January of 2011. 08:59:27
18 Q. When you were a member of the board, is it a 08:59:33
19 fair statement to say that you were very engaged with 08:59:37
20 the company? 08:59:41
21 MR. FLUMENBAUM: Objection as to form. 08:59:51
22 THE WITNESS: I'll answer yes. There's a question 08:59:54
23 as to whether -- like relative to what, you know. 08:59:58
24 BY MR. VERHOEVEN: 08:59:58
25 Q. Is it fair to say that you were the most 09:00:00

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] 09:12:26

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[REDACTED]

8 MR. FLUMENBAUM: Objection as to form. 09:12:43

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

14 BY MR. VERHOEVEN: 09:13:00

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

25 Do you see that? 09:13:43

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1 A. I don't recall any. 10:32:33

2 Q. Who comprised the executive team at that 10:32:38

3 time? 10:32:38

4 A. I don't know if I'll get them all. [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] I'm 10:33:26

9 probably leaving somebody out. 10:33:28

10 Q. Was Travis on the team? 10:33:30

11 A. Yeah, I mean, he's CEO, so, yeah. [REDACTED] 10:33:37

12 may have left by then. 10:33:39

13 Q. Did Mr. Kalanick agree, when you expressed 10:33:45

14 this to the executive team, that Mr. Levandowski 10:33:48

15 should be terminated? 10:33:52

16 A. I don't recall if I had a direct discussion 10:33:55

17 with him, although probably at a board level, it was 10:33:58

18 the general understanding of the team that he did not 10:34:04

19 want to terminate Anthony. 10:34:06

20 Q. Do you recall what the reasons -- that he 10:34:17

21 stated for why he did not -- 10:34:19

22 A. Yeah, the statement I remember is that he 10:34:21

23 didn't do anything wrong, so why should we terminate 10:34:24

24 him? 10:34:25

25 Q. And what was said in response to that? And 10:34:32

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1 if you can recall, who said it? For example, did 10:34:42
2 someone say, then why is he taking the Fifth? 10:34:45
3 MR. BRILLE: Object to form. 10:34:47
4 THE WITNESS: I can certainly say that my opinion 10:34:53
5 at that moment in time was that his taking the Fifth 10:34:56
6 should result in his termination, based on my best 10:35:02
7 knowledge of how that situation should be dealt with. 10:35:06
8 BY MR. VERHOEVEN: 10:35:06
9 Q. And did -- you referenced conversations with 10:35:10
10 the board on this subject? 10:35:12
11 A. Yes. 10:35:12
12 Q. How many such conversations were there? 10:35:16
13 A. I can't remember specifically, but my general 10:35:21
14 recollection is that it spanned multiple board 10:35:24
15 meetings. 10:35:31
16 Q. And your position to the board was that he 10:35:34
17 should be terminated? 10:35:35
18 A. Yes. 10:35:35
19 Q. And you made that clear on the first of these 10:35:41
20 multiple board meetings? 10:35:43
21 A. Once I'd gotten up to speed and had proper 10:35:48
22 knowledge of what I thought was the best to do, 10:35:55
23 which -- as I said earlier, there was a time window 10:35:58
24 where that happened. So it wasn't -- my voicing of 10:36:06
25 this opinion wasn't immediate, like right after he 10:36:09

1 him and terminate, for the reasons that I've 10:46:50
2 discussed. 10:46:51
3 Q. Right. 10:46:51
4 So -- but I'm asking you specifically, at the 10:46:54
5 board meeting, Kalanick repeated his view -- 10:46:59
6 A. Right.
7 Q. -- that Levandowski didn't do anything 10:47:02
8 wrong -- 10:47:03
9 A. I think I understand your question?
10 I don't remember if there were specific 10:47:06
11 conversations that said, well, if he didn't do 10:47:08
12 anything wrong, why would he plead the Fifth? I don't 10:47:10
13 remember if that happened. It might have. 10:47:13
14 Q. Well, do you remember -- was there response 10:47:15
15 to Mr. Kalanick at the meeting, after he made that 10:47:19
16 statement, just generally? There was a discussion; 10:47:25
17 right? 10:47:26
18 A. Yeah, I think there was a discussion and I 10:47:28
19 think -- and I don't recall exactly who chimed in, but 10:47:32
20 there was others, like me, that felt that taking the 10:47:38
21 Fifth should be dealt with. 10:47:40
22 Q. And who were those people? 10:47:42
23 A. I just said I don't recall exactly who was on 10:47:45
24 that point of view. 10:47:46
25 Q. Do you remember anyone on the board that you 10:47:49

1 order that was public? 10:59:58

2 A. I didn't have any perspectives that were 11:00:08

3 outside of a discussion from counsel on that topic. 11:00:13

4 Q. Why didn't Uber fire Mr. Levandowski upon the 11:00:20

5 issuance of the preliminary injunction? 11:00:23

6 A. I can't speak to that because I wasn't in a 11:00:32

7 position to have authority to make that decision. 11:00:35

8 Q. Who was? 11:00:36

9 A. Presumably Travis, the CEO. 11:00:39

10 Q. So the board didn't have authority to direct 11:00:42

11 that -- I thought you -- withdrawn. 11:00:46

12 I thought you previously mentioned that you 11:00:48

13 had recommended that he be terminated -- 11:00:50

14 A. I had. I had. 11:00:52

15 Q. -- at a board meeting. 11:00:53

16 A. Yeah. 11:00:54

17 Q. But the board didn't have authority to order 11:00:56

18 that? 11:00:57

19 A. The board did not order that, if that's your 11:01:00

20 question. 11:01:00

21 Q. But they had the authority to? 11:01:03

22 A. I suppose they could have made a motion and 11:01:06

23 voted to do that. 11:01:08

24 Q. And you encouraged the board to do that? 11:01:11

25 A. I encouraged the board to terminate once I 11:01:13

1 had an understanding of what my interpretation was of 11:01:18
2 him pleading the Fifth. [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

5 Q. After the issuance of the preliminary 11:01:36
6 injunction order, did you have any discussions with 11:01:39
7 Mr. Kalanick about terminating Mr. Levandowski? 11:01:42

8 A. Not specifically related to that event. 11:01:47

9 Q. Okay. So it didn't cause you to have any 11:01:50
10 more conversations with Mr. Kalanick? 11:01:54

11 A. No. But I had already determined that I 11:01:56
12 thought the best course of action was termination. So 11:01:58
13 like I was not more compelled; I was already 11:02:02
14 compelled. 11:02:04

15 Q. Did you discuss the preliminary injunction 11:02:05
16 order with Mr. Kalanick and repeat your 11:02:09
17 recommendation? 11:02:10

18 A. Not outside of a privileged conversation, no. 11:02:14

19 Q. Was there a board meeting about the 11:02:19
20 preliminary injunction? 11:02:20

21 A. I don't remember if there was one called. I 11:02:23
22 don't think so. There were lots of board meetings at 11:02:27
23 this moment in time. 11:02:29

24 Q. Do you recall receiving -- withdrawn. 11:02:34

25 Did you ask to see the due diligence report 11:02:39

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1 Q. And it's possible you communicated that to 11:41:22
2 Mr. Levandowski -- or to Mr. Kalanick? 11:41:25
3 A. It's possible, but I don't have -- 11:41:26
4 MR. FLUMENBAUM: Not Levandowski. 11:41:27
5 THE WITNESS: Right. 11:41:28
6 I don't have specific recollection of having 11:41:31
7 done that, but it's possible. 11:41:33
8 BY MR. VERHOEVEN: 11:41:33
9 Q. It's more than likely; right? 11:41:35
10 A. I don't know. 11:41:37
11 MR. FLUMENBAUM: Objection. Objection. 11:41:38
12 MR. VERHOEVEN: Do you want to take a break? 11:41:42
13 MR. FLUMENBAUM: Sure. Let's take a short break. 11:41:44
14 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: This marks the end of DVD No. 2 11:41:47
15 in the deposition of William Gurley. We're off the 11:41:49
16 record at 11:41 a.m. 11:41:51
17 (Recess taken.) 11:41:51
18 (Plaintiff's Exhibit 915 was marked.) 11:52:45
19 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Back on the record. 11:52:53
20 This the beginning of DVD No. 3, and the time 11:52:56
21 is 11:52 a.m. 11:52:58
22 BY MR. VERHOEVEN: 11:52:58
23 Q. By May of 2017, were you aware that some 11:53:07
24 investors of Uber wanted Mr. Kalanick to resign as 11:53:13
25 CEO? 11:53:14

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1 Do you see that? 12:30:24

2 A. Yes. 12:30:25

3 Q. And this refers, in part, to your prior 12:30:30

4 testimony that if Benchmark had known about the 12:30:35

5 information contained in the Stroz report, it would 12:30:37

6 never have agreed to this amendment, right? 12:30:45

7 MR. BRILLE: Object to the form. 12:30:46

8 MR. FLUMENBAUM: Object to the form. 12:30:47

9 You can answer.

10 BY MR. VERHOEVEN:

11 Q. Well, you're correct. Let me rephrase. 12:30:51

12 This refers to your prior testimony that 12:30:54

13 Benchmark never would have approved the transaction 12:30:56

14 had it been aware of the Stroz report, correct? 12:31:02

15 MR. BRILLE: Same objection. 12:31:03

16 MR. FLUMENBAUM: Objection as to form, but you 12:31:05

17 may -- 12:31:06

18 THE WITNESS: The only clarification I would make 12:31:08

19 is that there are many other matters, also. 12:31:10

20 BY MR. VERHOEVEN:

21 Q. Yeah.

22 A. But this is one of those. Yes, correct. 12:31:14

23 Q. But it's your contention that Benchmark would 12:31:18

24 not have approved the amended certificate of 12:31:18

25 incorporation referenced here, or the voting 12:31:22

1 With respect to the Otto acquisition, there's 12:33:57
2 actually more detail later in the complaint. But it's 12:34:00
3 become public knowledge, not involving the Stroz 12:34:05
4 report, that at the time the board was asked to 12:34:09
5 approve this, that -- that Travis and other members of 12:34:13
6 the management team had knowledge that there were five 12:34:16
7 disks that were in Anthony's possession, and that he 12:34:23
8 said there was Google information on those disks. So 12:34:25
9 that's now in the public record. 12:34:29

10 When you look at the -- we've already been 12:34:32
11 through it. But you look at the deal, and the fact 12:34:35
12 that so much of it weighed on him and the fact that 12:34:39
13 there were large indemnity provisions put aside 12:34:45
14 specifically for him, I don't know of a way you could 12:34:50
15 possibly present that to a board [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] [REDACTED] e and -- and that be okay. Like, I -- I 12:35:02
17 can't fathom that. 12:35:05

18 BY MR. VERHOEVEN:

19 Q. When you referred to "him," you're referring 12:35:08
20 to Mr. Levandowski, right, in that answer? 12:35:10

21 MR. BRILLE: Object to form. 12:35:13

22 THE WITNESS: It's in the public record that -- 12:35:15
23 that the Uber executives were aware -- I'll -- I'll 12:35:17
24 try not to use pronouns -- were aware that Anthony 12:35:21
25 Levandowski had the five disks. 12:35:24

1 A. Yes, this section. That's fair. Correct. 12:38:46

2 Q. You've referenced there's a -- I'm sorry. 12:39:07

3 The complaint references: 12:39:12

4 "Kalanick praised Levandowski as one of the 12:39:15

5 world's leading autonomous engineers and an 12:39:20

6 entrepreneur with a real sense of urgency. 12:39:24

7 "Kalanick further described Levandowski as 12:39:26

8 his brother from another mother." 12:39:30

9 The allegation is -- and your belief is -- 12:39:34

10 that he was saying all that, but withholding the 12:39:37

11 information he had from the Stroz investigation; 12:39:41

12 right? 12:39:41

13 MR. BRILLE: Object to form. 12:39:44

14 MR. FLUMENBAUM: Object to form. You can try to 12:39:46

15 answer that. 12:39:49

16 THE WITNESS: These are -- these are taken from -- 12:39:50

17 from -- as you can see, from public statements that he 12:39:53

18 made. 12:39:54

19 His praise for Anthony in these public venues 12:39:59

20 is consistent with what he presented at the board 12:40:03

21 level, and so there's no inconsistency here. 12:40:06

22 I -- and as you -- as you assert, he did not 12:40:12

23 disclose these other details, you know. And I -- and 12:40:17

24 I had mentioned, and they're later in here in the 12:40:20

25 complaint, that some of that is now public with regard 12:40:23

1 to the five-disk matter. 12:40:26

2 BY MR. VERHOEVEN: 12:40:26

3 Q. The last sentence of this paragraph says: 12:40:29

4 "In discussing the Otto transaction in 2016, 12:40:32

5 Kalanick repeatedly emphasized to Gurley and other 12:40:36

6 board members that Uber's acquisition of Otto, 12:40:39

7 employment of Anthony Levandowski, would be 12:40:41

8 transformative for Uber's business." 12:40:44

9 Do you see that? 12:40:45

10 A. I do. 12:40:46

11 Q. What is that referring to? 12:40:48

12 A. Once again, consistent with what we discussed 12:40:53

13 earlier, there was a -- a big part of the argument for 12:40:57

14 why we needed to do this transaction was to employ 12:41:01

15 Anthony Levandowski, who -- who Mr. Kalanick believed 12:41:04

16 was one of the leading experts on autonomous vehicles 12:41:07

17 in -- in the -- in the world. 12:41:10

18 Q. Was employing Anthony Levandowski worth 12:41:14

19 \$680 million? 12:41:17

20 MR. BRILLE: Object to form. 12:41:17

21 MR. FLUMENBAUM: Object to form. We've sort of 12:41:19

22 been over this. 12:41:20

23 You can answer it again. 12:41:22

24 THE WITNESS: Yeah, I don't -- I don't mind going 12:41:24

25 over it again. 12:41:25

1 Do you see it's sprinkled through the 12:54:57
2 paragraph there? 12:54:58
3 A. Yes. 12:54:58
4 Q. When we testified earlier about this -- I 12:55:02
5 don't want to go over it again -- I think you just 12:55:05
6 said -- you and I just said "the Stroz report." 12:55:09
7 But were you referencing, specifically in 12:55:11
8 this time period, the interim findings of the Stroz 12:55:14
9 investigation? 12:55:16
10 MR. FLUMENBAUM: Objection as to form. 12:55:19
11 BY MR. VERHOEVEN: 12:55:19
12 Q. When you testified about if something had 12:55:22
13 been disclosed, if the Stroz report had been 12:55:25
14 disclosed, more accurately what you meant is if the 12:55:28
15 interim findings of the Stroz report -- of the Stroz 12:55:30
16 investigation had been disclosed; is that right? 12:55:33
17 A. This particular complaint was based on all 12:55:44
18 that information that was in the public record. 12:55:46
19 There are documents related to this lawsuit 12:55:50
20 that highlight that, as of this date, there were these 12:55:54
21 interim findings available. 12:55:55
22 Q. Right.
23 A. And we're merely highlighting that those were 12:55:59
24 never disclosed to the board. 12:56:01
25 Q. Okay. I direct your attention to paragraph 12:56:12

1 A. Nina Qi and Cameron. 12:59:24

2 Q. So with respect to the Waymo dispute or 12:59:29

3 the -- withdrawn. 12:59:30

4 With respect to the Otto acquisition, this 12:59:35

5 phrase you interpret to reference those two 12:59:37

6 individuals? 12:59:38

7 A. Yes. 12:59:38

8 Q. Has either of those two individuals been 12:59:47

9 terminated, to your knowledge? 12:59:49

10 A. No. 12:59:49

11 Q. All right.

12 MR. FLUMENBAUM: Can I have a -- all right. 13:00:05

13 Forget it. Go ahead. 13:00:07

14 MR. VERHOEVEN: So what did you want to talk to 13:00:10

15 him about? 13:00:10

16 MR. FLUMENBAUM: No, just go ahead. 13:00:13

17 MR. VERHOEVEN: Okay. 13:00:13

18 BY MR. VERHOEVEN:

19 Q. There came a time in which you resigned from 13:00:16

20 the board of Uber? 13:00:17

21 A. Correct. 13:00:17

22 Q. When was that, roughly? 13:00:19

23 A. I think it was a couple of days after Travis 13:00:27

24 signed the resignation letter we've already looked at. 13:00:32

25 Q. Why did you resign? 13:00:45

1 A. The members of -- of our partnership and I 13:00:49
2 had a lengthy discussion about trying to -- whether or 13:00:56
3 not it made sense to swap out the board member that 13:01:00
4 represented Benchmark with Uber, in an effort to try 13:01:04
5 and move things forward in a positive direction. 13:01:08

6 The -- the conversations and back and forth 13:01:13
7 and events that led to the meeting in Chicago, I think 13:01:16
8 it's safe to say, had a strain on the relationship 13:01:21
9 between myself and -- and Mr. Kalanick. And it was 13:01:29
10 merely a decision from our firm to try and put a new 13:01:35
11 foot forward to try and create kind of a new day and 13:01:39
12 new relationship with the board. 13:01:41

13 Q. Did you have any discussions with anyone at 13:01:45
14 Uber about your resignation before you resigned? 13:01:48

15 A. I did not. 13:01:49

16 Q. What about with other board members? 13:01:51

17 A. I did not. 13:01:53

18 Q. Have you had any conversations with anybody 13:02:01
19 at Uber since you've resigned from the board? 13:02:04

20 A. Yeah. There were -- there were numerous 13:02:04
21 conversations, as part of the handoff process I was 13:02:13
22 involved in, all of those committees. I wanted to 13:02:16
23 make sure that -- that my partner got the benefit of 13:02:19
24 the -- you know, the transfer of information, that 13:02:23
25 kind of thing. We had a lot of meetings to make sure 13:02:26

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